IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS EL PASO DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
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THE GATEWAY VENTURES, LLC,	§	Case No. 21-30071
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Debtor.	§	
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MOTION OF WEYCER, KAPLAN, PULASKI & ZUBER, P.C. TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR

TO THE HONORABLE H. CHRISTOPHER MOTT, U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C. ("WKPZ"), proposed counsel to the Debtor and Debtor in Possession, files this *Motion of Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C. to Withdraw as Counsel for Debtor* and in support thereof would show the Court the following.

- 1. A separate motion for expedited consideration of this motion has been filed contemporaneously with this motion.
- 2. Expedited consideration of this motion is necessary to clarify the representation of the Debtor in this case as critical deadlines approach and otherwise with respect to the ordinary fiduciary duties of the Debtor as Debtor in Possession.
- 3. On February 2, 2021, The Gateway Ventures, LLC ("TGV" or the "Debtor") filed a voluntary petition to commence this Chapter 11 case.
- 4. Previously, on January 21, 2021, WKPZ transmitted a proposed engagement letter to TGV.
- 5. On January 26, 2021, TGV executed and delivered the engagement letter to WKPZ.

6. WKZP would show that TGV has not met the requirements of WKPZ set forth in the engagement letter.

7. Accordingly, WKPZ requests that the Court permit WKPZ to withdraw from this case so that WKPZ is not charged further with (1) performing and/or assisting TGV with the tasks necessary for the various critical initial deadlines that impact the prosecution of this Chapter 11 case nor (2) advising and/or assisting TGV with the fulfillment of the normal duties of TGV as Debtor in Possession.

8. A proposed form of order accompanies this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C. ("WKPZ"), proposed counsel for the Debtor and Debtor in Possession, respectfully requests that the Court enter an order withdrawing WKPZ from the representation of The Gateway Ventures, LLC in this case. Movant respectfully requests such other and further relief to which movant is entitled at law or in equity.

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Dated: February 5, 2021 Respectfully submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

The undersigned supplied a draft of this Motion to Mr. Michael Dixson, the principal of the Debtor on February 3, 2021 by email and attachments, text (SMS) message and attachments, and Federal Express overnight delivery (which delivery was unsuccessful per messages from Federal Express to the undersigned). The undersigned briefly spoke with Mr. Dixson by telephone on February 3, 2021 and February 4, 2021. Mr. Dixson has not indicated that this Motion is opposed or unopposed.

/s/ Jeff Carruth
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on February 5, 2021 (1) by electronic notice to all ECF users who have appeared in this case to date, as set forth below and (2) by regular mail to all parties appearing in the attached address list (i.e. mailing matrix) obtained from the Court's PACER facility as attached below. Additional service was made by email and text (SMS) message, with attachments, to the Debtor through Mr. Michael Dixson, and by Federal Express to the Debtor at the address shown on the mailing list below.

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF WEYCER, KAPLAN, PULASKI & ZUBER, P.C., P.C. TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR (RE: DOCKET NO. 7)

On this day came on for consideration the *Motion of Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C. to Withdraw as Counsel for Debtor* (Docket No. 7) (the "Motion") filed herein on February 5, 2021 by Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C. The Court finds and concludes that the Motion contained the appropriate notices under the Bankruptcy Local Rules; according to the certificate of service attached to the Motion, the Motion was served upon the parties entitled to receive notice under the Bankruptcy Local Rules; no party in interest filed a response or objection to the Motion or any such response or objection is overruled by this Order; and that upon review of the record of this case and with respect to the Motion that cause exists to grant the relief requested therein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

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1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.

- 2. All capitalized terms shall have the same meaning as ascribed to such terms in the Motion, unless otherwise defined herein.
- 3. Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C. is hereby withdrawn as counsel for The Gateway Ventures, LLC, the Debtor and Debtor in Possession in this case.
- 4. Weycer, Kaplan, Pulaski & Zuber, P.C. promptly shall serve this Order on all creditors and parties in interest for this case, including expedited service upon the Debtor.
- 5. THE GATEWAY VENTURES, LLC AND MICHAEL DIXSON ARE ADVISED THAT BECAUSE THE GATEWAY VENTURES, LLC IS A BUSINESS ENTITY, IT MUST BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL IN THIS COURT. THIS CASE IS SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL UNLESS THE GATEWAY VENTURES, LLC IS REPRESENTED BY A LICENSED ATTORNEY WHO IS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THIS COURT.

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